For the past how can I explain? When the college was started the strength was 150. It was reduced to 100 and it was de-recognised by the All India Medical Council. They have recognised only for 69 and we are admitting to that extent. We are increasing the bed strength and in that direction we are working.

ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮಣ್ಣ ಖಂಡ್ರೆ —ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಸ್ಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಬ್ಯಾಕ್‌ವರ್ಡ್ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ೨೦೦ಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜಾತಿಗಳು ಇವೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ. ಕಳೆದ ೩ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಆ ಜಾತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಸೀಟೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಿ? ಬೇರೆ ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ.—ಮೆರಿಟ್ ಮೇಲೆ ನಾನು ಕನ್ಸಿಡರ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ನಂಬರ್ ಬಂದವರಿಗೆ ಸಿಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಸಿಗಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನೂ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೈ ಪಾಟೀಲ್ ಅವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ೪೭೪ ತಡೆಹಿಡಿಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. Question No. 44 of Sri B. E Ramaiah is also held over.

Recruitment of Engineers in Karnataka Electronics Development Corporation.

492 SRI B. V. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Varthur).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Electronics Development Corporation has released any advertisements for recruitment of engineers;

(*b*) when the advertisement was released, what is the number of of applications received, applicants called for interview, and given appointment;

(*c*) whether any engineer applicant has been given appointment in the Corporation, without calling for interview, after receiving the applications, if so, the reasons for the same?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.(Minister for Industries and Commerce)—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Advertisements were released on 20-12-76, 26-12-76 27-12-76, 28-12-76, 1-1-77, 9-1-77, 28-1-77 and 30-1-77, 1042 applications were received. So far applicants have not been called for interwiew.

(*c*) No Engineer has been appointed for projects in the Corporation after calling for applications in the Newspapers. Posts other than for Projects, are being filled up depending upon the posts, qualification, experience, etc, only after interview. In these circumstances, the question of furnishing reasons does not arise.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನನ್ನ ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ತಾವು ಹೌದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ೨ ವಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ೆ ಸಾರಿ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ನೀಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ಸ್ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತುರ್ತು ಇದ್ದ ಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ತಾವು ತುರ್ತಾಗಿ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ನೀಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—The fact is that this Electronic Corporation has a project of Rs 10 c ores. In order to expedite, expecting clearance from the Government of India, advertisements were made calling for applications from eligible candidates and 2,000 applications were received. Unfortunately, till today the clearance from the Governm-ent of India has not come, and therefore all these applications have been kept in abeyance.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಾವು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ತಾವು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಪರಿಂದ ಕ್ಲೆಯರೆನ್ಸ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೈಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನೀಡಿ ಅಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲ್‌ಫರ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಬಂದಂತಹ ೨೦೦೦ ಅಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲ ತಾವು ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ? ಅವರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ರಿಪ್ಲೈ ಕಳಿಸುವ ಸೌಜನ್ಯತೆ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—This has been done in good faith. If the hon. member so desires I will see that the entire advertisement is cancelled and will call for fresh applications when time warrants.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನನ್ನ (೧) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಸಂದರ್ಶನ ನಡೆಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ, ಅನುಭವ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಗಳ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನನುಸರಿಸಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದು ಯಾವ್ಯಾವ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—This project is a very sophisticated one. We have taken the services of 8 Engineers, 4 from Bharat Electronics Ltd., one from REMCO, one from Nippan, one from Kirloskar, and one fresh graduate has joined as a trainee.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ೧೦೪೨ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿದ್ದವು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಕಿದವರಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಸಂದರ್ಶನ ನೀಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಸಂದರ್ಶನ ನೀಡಿ ೮ ಪೋಸ್ಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೆ ತಮಗೆ ಏನಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು? Why did you select a local candidate?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—These are all local candidates based on experience and qualification because electronics is a very sophisticated project and require a particular kind of experience, and therefore we have taken their services. There were two advertisments. We are trying to get the clearance from the Government of India and we are expecting it in a short time. There is a ambitious programme to make this Electronics Corporation a talk of the town. We have acquired 219 acres of land. For reasons beyond anybody's control it has happened. We are agreeable to appoint evperienced candidates

when this joint-sector project of Rs. 10 crores comes up, and I think more than 1 000 workers will be employed in this. I do not know whether the hon'ble member has view some officers.

SRI S R. BOMMAI.—Certain vacancies have been filled up. Is it on deputation or on permanent basis? Will the Government call for interview of those who have already applied and see that the scheme is cleared from the Government of India early?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir the hon. the Leader of Opposition will bear with me that we require clearance from the Government of India; we have sought clearance and I am expecting clearance shortly. The moment I have the clearance, I have no other alternative except to call for interviews,

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಫೈಷ್ ಆಗಿ ಅಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್ಸ್ ಕರೆಯಬೇಕು, ಬಂದಿರತಕಂಥ ಅಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಲ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಬಂದಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ೧೦೪೨ ಆರ್ಜಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ವಾಲಿಫೈಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್ಸ್ ಇದ್ದರು ಅವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಬೇರೆ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಗಳಿಂದ ಲೋಕಲ್ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರಿ? ಅವರಿಂದ ಅಪ್ಲಿಕೇಷನ್ ಕರೆದಮೇಲೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸ್ಕ್ರೂಟಿನಿ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir, the allegation of hon member is baseless. The applications have been scrutinised. Out of 2,000 applications received intimation of rejection has been sent to 245 who did not have the minimum experience of 5 years in the field of electronics. It was in good faith we had advertised. But it has been held-up for clearance from the Government of India, and I am expecting the clearance shorty. The 8 persons who have been taken are neither my relatives nor kith and kin. Their services required and therefore they were taken. If the hon. member has any particular person in view, let him tell me and I will consider.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister is trying to attribute motives to the Member and he is evading the answer. When there were merited and qualified candidates are available, what was the necessity to take local candidates for these 8 posts?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir, there was no interest in anybody except the required qualifications and experience that had put in concerns where they were working, because electronics is a very sophisticated item. They have brought out certain things with minimum investment. I invite the hon. the Leader of Opposition to visit and inspect this Electronics Corporation so that he may know what has been done with the small skeliton staff without investing much amount. There is no motive as such.